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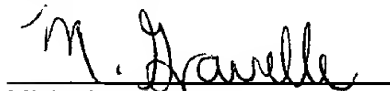
Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/762,294
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We enclose a copy of a "Withdrawal of Previously Sent Notice" that was mailed on November 27, 2001 and that our office received on December 7, 2001. The Notice advises that a corrected Notice is enclosed although nothing was attached to the Notice. We have tried on several occasions to contact the Patent Office in order to get clarification of what is outstanding and have not yet received a reply. Consequently, we still do not know what is outstanding on the file and the deadline for responding to the corrected Notice. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

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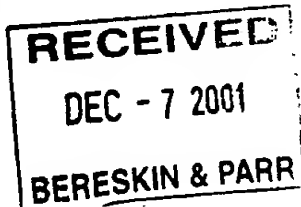
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WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE

The Acceptance Notice mailed on 04/13/2001 was sent in error and is hereby withdrawn. A corrected Notice is enclosed. The time period for reply runs from the mail date of the enclosed Notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

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